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REMARKS

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1. On 3 January 1953, a troop train of 114 axles
from Wustermark to Fallenberg

2. troop trains
18 January:

between 4 and

<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
4	3 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 12 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Halle railroad district	Lossa
8	7 converted boxcars, 22 boxcars and 25 flatcars with vehicles	Chrdruf	Suhl
	1 converted boxcar, 1 boxcar and 10 flatcars with vehicles	Lossa	Netleben
	2 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 9 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Halle	Lossa
10	7 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 27 flatcars with pontons and three tanks	Weimar	Bad Koesen

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<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
10	1 converted boxcar and 3 flatcars with two tanks	Halle	Lossa
11	6 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Gera	Ohrdruf
12	2 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 21 flatcars with vehicles and four tanks	Ohrdruf	Zeitz
13	6 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 18 flatcars with vehicles and two tanks	Ohrdruf	Gera
	3 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 6 flatcars with vehicles and five tanks	Lossa	Ammendorf
	2 converted boxcars and 7 flatcars with vehicles and five tanks	Jena	Weimar
14	1 flatcar with one tank	Zeitz	Jena
16	4 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 24 flatcars with vehicles and four tanks	Ohrdruf	Altenburg
	6 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 17 flatcars with vehicles and three tanks	Gera	Ohrdruf
	2 converted boxcars and 8 flatcars with vehicles and six tanks	Weimar	Jena
	2 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 7 flatcars with vehicles and six tanks	Lossa	Ammendorf

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<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
17	11 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 13 flatcars with vehicles and 12 tanks	Ammendorf	Lossa
18	4 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 14 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Jena	Crawinkel

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3. [redacted] 142 cars with troops, 20 trucks and 4 tank trucks were dispatched to Brand from Jueterbog, Magdeburg and Cottbus between 8 and 11 January.³

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4. Troop trains [redacted] included: a train of 7 converted boxcars from Jueterbog to Dal'gow-Doerberitz on 9 January; a train of 8 converted boxcars from Forst Zinna to Halle, and a train of 4 converted boxcars from Forst Zinna to Cottbus on 16 January.

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5. Troop trains [redacted] included: a train of 6 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 20 flatcars from Boetzow to Neustadt on 14 January; a train of 6 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 20 flatcars from Boetzow to Fuerstenberg on 18 January; and a train of 7 undetermined cars, 2 gondola cars and 21 flatcars from Fuerstenberg to Boetzow on 21 January. The trains also carried vehicles.⁴

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6. Cars to be made available by order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters on 14 January included: 6 converted boxcars and 20 flatcars at the Boetzow railroad station; and 2 converted boxcars and 14 box-type flatcars at the Gross Schoenebeck railroad station.⁴

7. In the evening of 17 January, an engineer unit with 26 vehicles was entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station.⁵

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2. Comment. The report is a general indication as to the resumption of training at the Ohrdruf and Lossa troop training grounds on about 10 January 1953, following an interval of three months. Similar observations are reported from the Wittstock and Lieberose troop training grounds. As in 1952, only several day training periods are apparently to be held at the troop training grounds. Furthermore, a temporary training of several units by rotation within the division areas was observed in Thuringia.

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The observation also confirms the 19th Gds Indep Engr Bn until 10 January 1953.

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3. Comment. The shipments to Brand airfield are possibly connected with the transfer of bomber units from Jueterbog to Welzow and from Finsterwalde to Brand.

4. Comment. The troop trains from Rostow and Eisenstein probably carried components of the 31st AAA Div.

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5. Comment. The loading of elements of the 3rd Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army at Eberswalde was previously reported

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